

Summary of Telephonic Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview on June 5, 2006. During the interview, claim 1 was discussed, particularly, the use of an “address-geographic-region table” and a “geographic-region/tax-district table” as presently claimed. Applicants further clarified an embodiment of the invention by claiming previously disclosed details from the specification pertaining to an “address-geographic-region table” and a “geographic-region/tax-district table.” In particular, an address-geographical-region table that associates a destination address with one or more geographic regions and an origination address with one or more geographic regions, along with a geographic-region/tax-district table that associates one or more geographic regions of a destination address with one or more tax districts and one or more geographic regions of an origination address with one or more tax districts are provided. Applicants explained that the Sullivan reference does not teach or suggest these features.

Because the Examiner expressed agreement that such amendments would likely distinguish applicants’ invention over the prior art of record, applicants agreed to amend the independent claims to include an “address-geographic-region table” and a “geographic-region/tax-district table.”